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Long Beach Expo - Sept. 24-27, 1998. SLCC meets Sat. 11am.

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Mailed Sept. 5-6. 1998

Mail Bid Sale #92 Closing Date September 29, 1998

Lot Description

Long Beach Consignment

1 1909S VDB, The King, PCGS XF45, nice even wear. Traces of luster at rim.
2 1910 MS64RD, traces of fingering, sharp, lots of original luster
3 1915S PCI AU50BN, some scuff marks obv.
4 1931S Semikey VF25, full wheat lines
5 1953 RARE Pf doubled die obv, ANACS Pf65RD. Cat $100
6 1960D sm/lg 1-0-III, PCI MS64RD, RPM#1. Stage 3. Scarce DDO.
7 1961 Pf66RD, 1963 Pf66RD (2 coins), 1966 SMS 65RD

Idaho Consignment

8 1909 VDB, Golden gem blazer 66RD
9 1910 MS63RB, mostly brown, sharp details
10 1912 XF40
11 1917 MS64RB, sharp details
12 1922D VF+, weaker obv.
13 1929 MS60-61 RB, mostly brown
14 1931S Semikey XF40
15 1933 MS65RD, fresh mint luster
16 4 matched MS66RD: 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939
17 1942S MS63RB, finger spots
18 1997S Pf68 DCAM
19 1998S Pf68 DCAM

End of Mail Bid Sale. Mail your bid sheet in early. In case of a tie, the earliest bid wins. Shipping will be added to all invoices. California deliveries also include state sales tax. Good luck.

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AUCTION RESULTS

The 90th auction of Mike Aron rare Coins was held in Van Nuys July 19, 1998. Among the Indians and Lincolns we note the few herein: (SLCC comments in parenthesis.)

Lot	Description	Bid	(Commentary)
121	1877 ANACS VG8	$360.	Solid VG, weaker obv.
122	1877 G4	$230	Weak USA obv, G rev.
123	1883 NGC MS63RB	$50	Sharp, active floor bids
126	1889 ANACS MS61BN	$30	Odd color, active bids
128	1892 MS63RB	$54	Strong floor bids
145	1908S XF40	$50	
147	1909S F15	$200	Won by mail bid
153	1909S VDB XF40	$300	Closer to VF, edge dings
154	5 1909S G-VF	$130	Active floor bids
158	1914D VF30	$120	Weak obv. Like F15
171	1926S MS65RD	$925	Unlike the description, this piece is dull red, late die state, and might slab 63RD or 64RB. Floor bidder won at $925. If a real 65, price would be $5,000 or more!
178	1933 Circ roll VF-XF	$25	Includes some below Fine.
182	1939 Pf64RB	$29	Sharp, but mixed colors
183	1940 Pf66RD	$68	Maybe Pf65RD, tops. No floor bids.
185	1942 Pf66RB	$26	Maybe Pf65RB.
188	1950 Pf63RB	$14	No floor bids. Odd color.
192	1987S Pf69DCAM	$32	As good as it gets.

Prices do not show the 10% buyer's fee which is added to all bids.

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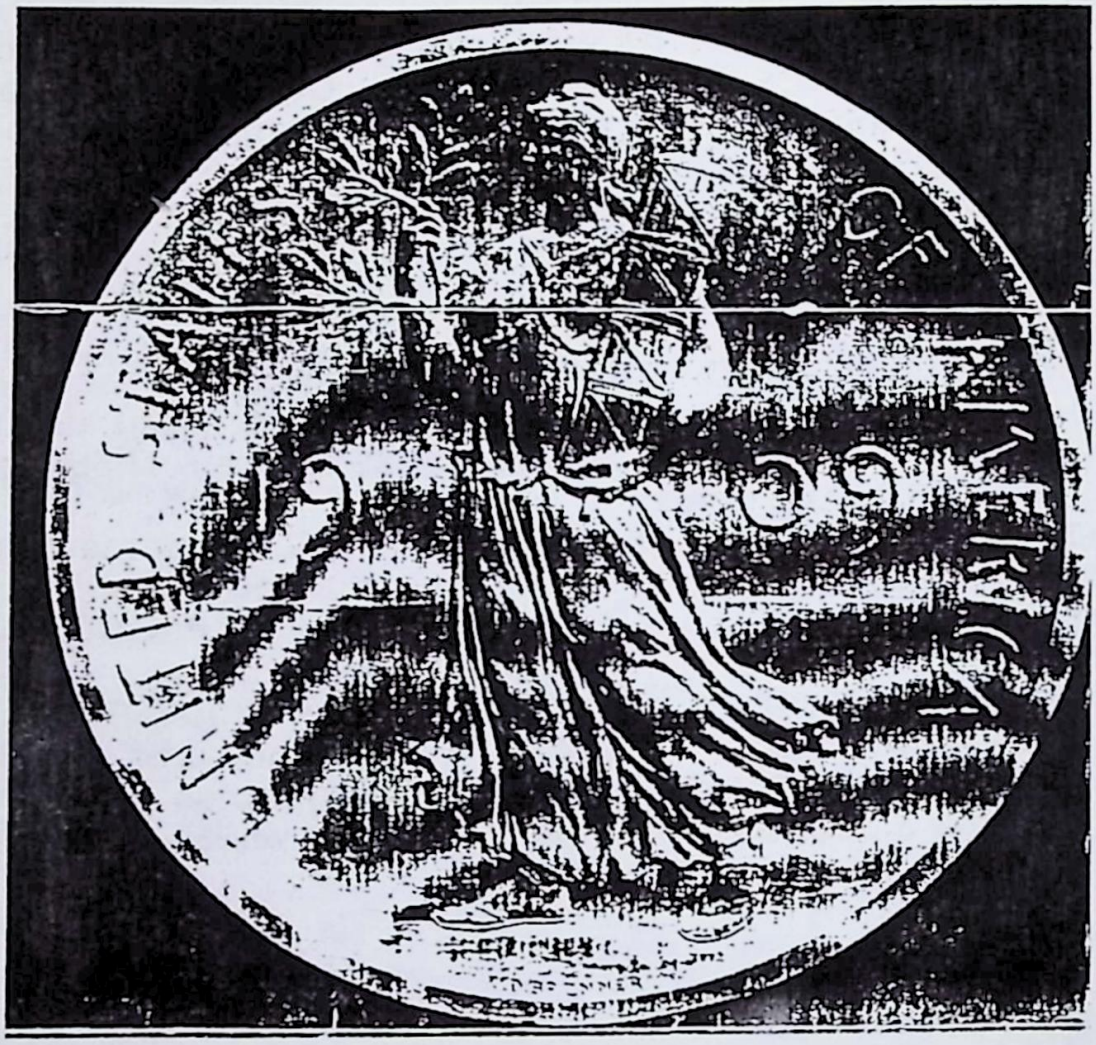
Origins of the Lincoln Cent

The following pages show copies of items found in the National Archives recently by SLCC member Carl Waltz.

: Brenner was paid $1,100 for his work and his first design featured the French walking Liberty design for the reverse. Another rejected design (not shown) featured a single olive branch.



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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON February 5, 1909.

Mr. V. D. Brenner,
114 E. 28th Street,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Your letter of the 3rd instant received. If I understand you correctly, you offer to supply the government with one set of models to be used for the penny coin, embracing the bust of Lincoln for the obverse and the design sent here for the reverse, for the sum of one thousand dollars. If this is true your offer is accepted, with the understanding that these models will be altered so to suit the requirements of the statutes and the coinage operations. I would prefer that you come down here so that I can explain what is necessary to be done. It would be very difficult to do this through correspondence. The Government will pay your transportation and subsistence expenses while making this visit to Washington. I would like to have you be here next Monday forenoon.

Yours truly,

Frank A. Leach

Director of the Mint.

Models Brenner des 1

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Office of the
Director of the Mint

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON

February 27, 1909.

Superintendent United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I send you by express today the models adopted by the President of the design for the proposed new issue of the one cent piece. I notice that Mr. Brenner insists upon putting his name in full on the obverse side. I am sorry to have to disappoint him in this matter, but after consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury upon the subject it wasdecided that only his initials could be permitted, and that in an unobtrusive way.

Mr. Brenner writes me that he desires to see the hub in time to have touched up any imperfections that he might notice. I wish you would advise me whether or not his request is practicable.

As soon as the dies are ready and proof pieces struck I shall be pleased to be advised of the fact.

Respectfully,

(signed) Frank A. Leach

Director of the Mint.

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Copy of Mr. Bronner's letter April 13th., to Mr. Barber

Mr. Barber,

Engraver, United States Mint,

Dear Mr. Barber:-

I was asked by the acting Director of the Mint the cost for my supervising and furnishing the hub for the obverse of the cent, I asked for same $ 100.00.

In a day or two I shall have a hard bronze casting and with such a model it seems to me you ought to get asgood a reduction as Wile can do.

This matter rests entirely with you, I await orders.

(signed) V. D. Bronner.

OFFICE OF
DIRECTOR OF THE MINT
IN REPLYING QUOTE INITIALS

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON

April 15, 1909.

Mr. Victor D. Brenner,
114 East 28th Street,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Your offer of the 13th instant to furnish a satisfactory reduction of the obverse of the Lincoln one-cent piece for the sum of $100 is accepted. I will thank you to proceed with the work and to forward a finished hub to the Mint at Philadelphia as early as practicable.

In accepting your offer it is understood that the reduction made by you will be one from which dies can be made that will produce a coin in every way satisfactory.

Respectfully,

(Signed) R. E. PRESTON

Acting Director of the Mint

May 20th 1909

114 EAST 28TH STREET
NEW YORK

R. E. Preston Esq.
Acting Director of the
Mint.
Washington D.C.

Sir—

Would you kindly advise me when about the Lincoln Cent will issued, and if I can have 100 of them as the first issue?

Thanking you in

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advance for your
courtesy. I am
and Very Respectfully

Wm. D. Brenner

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May 21st 1909

114 EAST 28TH STREET
NEW YORK

The United States
Admt

To Victor D. Brenner.

To designing and
modeling Obverse
and reverse of the
Lincoln Cent
$1000 00

To cutting two
working Dies $100 00

$1100 00

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May 24, 1909.

Mr. Victor D. Brenner,
114 East 28th Street,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

I return herewith your account for designing obverse and reverse of the Lincoln one cent piece amounting to $1,100, with the request that you will render the same on the enclosed form of voucher.

Respectfully,

Frank A. Leach

Director of the Mint.

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